



MEDIA RELEASE

Traffic Stop Leads to Arrest & Recovery of Stolen Guns

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On July 19, 2012, at 12:47 a.m., SBPD Officer Aaron Tudor was on patrol and working the Drinking Driver Team assignment when he observed a white Hyundai Elantra on 600 Anacapa Street. The vehicle had an inoperative rear license plate light in violation of 24601 VC. Officer Tudor initiated a traffic stop of the vehicle for that reason and contacted the driver, Eric Allen Ross, age 33, of Caruthers, and passenger, Kristin Paige Boisa-Taylor, age 46, a transient originally from Sacramento.

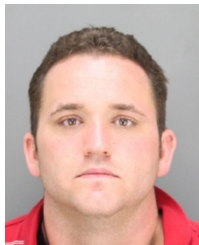
When asked for his driver's license Ross presented a California ID Card and acknowledged to Officer Tudor that his license was suspended. A records check confirmed this, however also revealed that Ross had a \$150,000.00 felony arrest warrant out of Kings County for rape, intimidating a witness, and terrorist threats. Following the arrival of Officer Gina Battaglia, who responded to assist, Officer Tudor arrested Ross for his warrant.

Upon conducting a records check of Boisa-Taylor, Officer Tudor discovered that she had a local \$2500.00 misdemeanor arrest warrant for illegal lodging. She too was arrested.

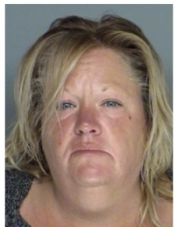
When Officer Tudor searched Ross's vehicle he found several shotgun shells in the center console. When he looked in the trunk of the car he saw that it contained 18 firearms (handguns and long guns), two of which were loaded, and 47 boxes of 15 different types of ammunition. When interviewed at SBPD Ross stated that his father had recently passed away and that the guns had belonged to him. Ross said he was en route to Orange County where he was going to attempt to sell them. He further stated that he had the ammunition for the purpose of test firing the weapons when he tried to sell them.

Ross was booked into Santa Barbara County Jail on his \$150,000.00 Kings County arrest warrant and for driving on a suspended license, possession of a loaded firearm in a vehicle, being a felon in possession of a firearm, and being a felon in possession of ammunition. Ross's bail amount for the on-view charges is \$35,000.00. Boisa-Taylor was also booked into Santa Barbara County Jail on her warrant.

On July 21, 2012, further investigation revealed that the firearms in Ross's possession had been stolen in a residential burglary in Caruthers. The Fresno County Sheriff's Office is investigating that case and Ross's involvement. Fresno County authorities considered Ross to be a parolee at large and to be armed and dangerous.



Ross, Eric Allen



Boisa-Taylor, Kristin Paige

Photograph of Boisa-Taylor provided by the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department.

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